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ABSTRACT

This book offers 25 mini-lessons which focus on the elements of good writing. Intended for teachers of grades 3-6, the book provides practical teaching suggestions to introduce particular elements and strategies, as well as activities that will allow students to practice new techniques. Using excerpts from favorite children's authors' works and student writings as models, a step-by-step plan is laid out for teaching the essentials of good writing. Sections in the book include: meaning, organization, development, clarity, and editing. Each lesson of the section contains student activities such as: a writer's notebook, looking for limited topics, develop with details, using action verbs, and punctuate the dialogue. Tips for using and extending the mini-lessons and for creating personal mini-lessons are provided. The book concludes with a story bank collection of examples of good writing by students. (CR)

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